

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

### **1.) Claim Amendments**

The Applicant has amended Claims 35 and 63; Claims 1-34, 38-39, 43, 46, and 58-62 have been cancelled. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, Claims 35-37, 40-42, 44-45, 47-57, and 63-68 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

### **2.) Examiner Objections – Specification**

The Examiner objected to the specification because of several informalities. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his careful review of the specification. In response, the Applicant has modified the specification as suggested by the Examiner. The Examiner's favorable reconsideration of the amendments to the Specification is respectfully requested.

### **3.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112**

The Examiner objected to Claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Applicant has further amended Claim 35 as suggested by the Examiner. The Examiner's favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

### **4.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)**

The Examiner rejected claims 35-41, 43-47, 57-59, 61, 63, 65 and 66 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Gershman et al. (US 6,199,099). The Applicant further appreciates the Examiner's reasons for maintaining his previous rejection by stating that "it is noted that the features upon which applicants recites (i.e., personal protection information is stored and maintained in the central server) are not recited in the rejected claim(s)."

The Applicant has therefore amended independent Claims 35 and 63 to more clearly and distinctly claim that the "personal protection profile information" is stored at a

central protection server while "personal profile data" are stored separately at an information providing application. The Applicant therefore respectfully submits that the features relied on by the Applicant are now recited in the pending claims. A Notice of Allowance for independent Claims 35 and 63 and their respective dependent claims is respectfully requested.

The Applicant further submits that remaining independent Claim 66 further recites the following limitation:

"the data communication network can be used for giving requesting application access to the requested personal profile data without the identity of the requesting application being visible to an information providing application providing the requested personal profile data, wherein an identity of said information providing application further concealed from said requesting application." (emphasis added).

The Applicant respectfully submits that such "concealment" of the information providing application's identity from the requesting application is not discussed or taught by the cited references. As a result, independent Claim 66 is further in condition for allowance.

#### **5.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)**

The Examiner rejected claims 42, 48-52 and 60 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gershman in view of Weschler (US Pat. No. 6,757,720). The Applicant earnestly submits that these claims now depend from allowable independent claims and recite further limitations in combination with the novel elements thereof. Therefore, the allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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